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FOWLER, '23, IS FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Center of 1920 Eleven Elected Captain for 1921—Few Sophomores Have Received This Honor.

IS STELLAR PLAYER

Richard S. Fowler, '23, of Dayton, O., was elected Captain of the Buff and Blue Eleven for the season of 1921 at a meeting of the members of this season's team, held Friday afternoon.

Fowler, now a Sophomore, enjoys the distinction of being one of the few second year men ever elected to captaincy of a Buff and Blue team. He played center on the 1920 team, filling the position most efficiently, until injured in the Amherst game and forced to retire from the game. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Fraternity.

The selection of Fowler for leader of next season's team will be received with genuine delight by Hamilton's faculty, students, alumni, and coaches, as it places at the head of next year's eleven one of the best athletes who ever bore Hamilton's colors.

Fowler is 20 years of age, stands 6 feet 1½ inches and weighs 151 pounds. Despite his weight, Fowler played a fine game, both offensively and defensively, for Hamilton this past season and already the students are looking forward to a very successful season.

Fowler has played varsity football since coming to the Hill and is one of the most popular athletes in College. He is a graduate of the Steele High School of Dayton, where he also made an enviable record in athletics.

During the game with Amherst at Amherst October 30, Fowler, playing one of the best games of his career, had the misfortune to injure his knee in a scrimmage. The injury grew worse, and water formed on the knee, preventing his appearance in uniform for the balance of the season.

Undaunted, however, by his serious and painful injury, Fowler was constantly on the sidelines on crutches at every game, encouraging and instilling his fighting spirit in his colleagues. Fowler is a strong asset to football at Hamilton and with such a brilliant and aggressive leader, the Hamilton team of 1921 should be among the best in the history of the College.

—The Honorable Alfred D. Mason, ex-'77, who has been the editor of a number of books and magazines concerning missionary history, is now living at 222 Garfield Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.

—Harry W. Smith, '08, who was formerly professor of oratory and economics at Dubuque College, Dubuque, Ia., is now at the head of the economics department at New Hampshire State College, Durham, N. H.

CHRISTMAS MIRACLE PLAY TO BE PRESENTED IN COMMONS

The first public presentation of the new class in Dramatic Interpretation (Public Speaking 6, B) will be made in the Hall of Commons on the evening of December 17, at 8:15 o'clock. The play chosen for this performance is a Christmas miracle play, adapted from "The Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors" in the Coventry Cycle of Miracle Plays. The text to be used is a combination of "The Shepherd Play," "The Adoration of the Magi," and "The Slaughter of the Innocents."

This performance on the Hill will give everyone here a chance to see a presentation of a form of dramatic art which was cultivated by all Europe for six hundred years. The Miracle Plays were the most democratic art of the time, and they were religious, educative, entertaining, and beautiful. It is interesting to know that such monarchs as Henry V, Richard III, and Henry VII journeyed to Coventry to witness performances of the miracle play which is now being rehearsed. In 1526 a preacher closed his sermon with these words: "If you believe not me, then for a more sufficient authority go your way to Coventry, and there you shall see them all played."

The performance at the Hall of Commons will be done after the Elizabethan fashion, with an inner and outer stage. While action takes place on the outer stage, the curtains to the inner stage are closed. Thus the delay caused by changing scenes in the modern theatre is entirely avoided.

The characters of this miracle play are as follows: The Prophet Isaiah, the Angel Gabriel, the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Three Shepherds, Herod, Herod's Nuntius, Three Kings, and Two Soldiers.

Admission to the performance will be free. The Faculty and students are invited, and they are urged to bring any friends who may wish to come.

FOUNDER OF GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC SPEAKS ON HILL

W. R. George, founder of the well-known Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., informally addressed a gathering of Hamilton students Sunday evening in the Alpha Delta Phi Hall. Mr. George was brought on the Hill by John W. Calder, '14, who also arranged for an address in Utica by him.

In his talk Mr. George explained the beginning, the advancement, and the present stage of the Junior Republic. This organization was the outgrowth of Mr. George's work in sociology in New York City. Wherever he introduced the plan it was enthusiastically received and immediately taken up. It is not merely a reform school for the wayward children of the large cities, it is in itself a miniature city wherein the younger generation is taught the workings of the government by actual experience in governing. It has its jail and its law courts, in fact, everything pertaining to the governing of a city. Many wealthy children are sent there, but they are made to work and treated in the same way as the child from the slums.

The Junior Republic has lately branched out into a larger field, namely that of a Junior Municipality. This has been tried out in Ithaca and has met with great success. There the "legal infants", as those under voting age are called, organize exactly as the city government is organized. They elect their mayor and judges who do all in their power to help the adult mayor and judges of the city. This same plan is soon to be taken up in New York City in the vicinity of Columbia University.

Mr. George closed by pointing out the fallacy of the government in not permitting youths and young women under twenty-one years of age to vote, although many of them know as much, if not more, than some adults about voting and politics. He said that in time of war a youth of eighteen was considered a man in the eyes of the government, but in times of peace this youth is merely a legal infant without the right of voting.

HISTORY CLUB MEETS

The second meeting of the History Club was held at the Beta Kappa House Wednesday evening. The topic for discussion was "The Life of Samuel Kirkland." The discussion was divided into three parts: (1) Kirkland's early life and education; (2) his work among the Indians, and (3) the founding of Hamilton College. The parts were taken up by Edie, '22, Dowling, '22, and Morgan, '22, respectively, and many interesting anecdotes about the early life of Clinton and the founding of the College were brought out in the discussion. Dr. M. L. Bonhahm then addressed the Club.

The next meeting will be held December 15 at the Psi Upsilon House. The topic, "Revolutionary History of Central New York," will be discussed by Peck, '21, Mathewson, '21, and Ramsburg, '22.

The roll of the Club includes the following men: '21, Ballot, Bartlett, Coupe, Fiske, Hopkins, Hawkins, Mathewson, McVay, Pritchard, Reid, Roney, Seaver, Wynkoop, and Peck; '22, Bland, Comrie, Edie, George, Hamilton, Morgan, Perry, Ramsburg, Dowling, and Smalley.

1923 MEN HOLD CLASS BANQUET

Elude Freshmen and Go To Utica on One-o'clock Trolley—Dine at the Belvedere Restaurant.

FRESHMEN OUTWITTED

The Class of 1923 outwitted the Freshmen last Thursday night and held its annual banquet at the Belvedere Restaurant in Utica. The original plan of the Sophomores was to meet in a body on the Hill and stage a "fake" by tying up the unwary Freshmen residing in North. This plan succeeded so well that the members of '23, realizing their opportunity, marched down to Clinton to see if a banquet could be arranged. Several members of the Class hurried to Utica and finally succeeded in obtaining the Belvedere Restaurant for the early morning feast. The Sophs who had returned to the Hill were then informed of the banquet and proceeded to Clinton to take the last trolley into Utica. There they made their way to the Belvedere unmolested.

After the Sophomores were seated at the tables, a handful of Freshmen, eager to break up the banquet, appeared outside the banquet hall. Their arrival was too late, however, and they finally gave up their vigil on the street corner at about 2:30 a. m.

After the banquet was served, speeches were made by the Upperclassmen guests and by members of the Sophomore Class. The program of speeches was as follows: "Wimmin," "Bull Dog" Spencer; "China," "Chink" Fenn; "Horsing," "Tub" Hall; "Why Girls Leave Home," "Freddy" Weld; "Class Bums," "Hard Guy" Warren; "Slime," "Hard Boiled" North. The toastmaster was "Chuck" Langtry.

1920-21 ALUMNI REGISTER

The new Alumni Register for 1920-21 appeared on the Hill last week. This new edition, which is very complete and which has several new features, was compiled by Elbert B. Mattoon, '16. The book is dedicated to the Hamilton men who gave their lives in the war. It contains a list of the officers of the General Alumni Association, and an address list of the officers of the other alumni associations. The list of living Hamilton men includes men from 1847 up to the present time. The Necrology is complete up to November 1. A new feature of the book is the geographical index of the living alumni and sometime members. There is also a table showing the distribution of living alumni and sometime members, by states and foreign countries. The last thing in the book is an index of living alumni, sometime members and undergraduates.

Alumni News

—O. Gregory Burns, '14, of Clinton, was married November 27 in Utica to Miss Kathryn Kennedy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Kennedy of Camden. After an extnded wedding trip the couple will reside at 24 Williams street, Clinton, where they will be at home to friends after December 15.

—Duncan C. Lee, '91, of London, England, is the Honorary American Secretary of the English-speaking Union, and is also the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Council on Interchange of Preachers and Speakers between the Churches of Great Britain and America. The English-speaking Union was formed on July 4, 1918, to bring the English-speaking people of the world into closer relationship. The Union does not wish to have formal alliances or anything to do with governments, but only desires to have the English-speaking people better known to each other by interchange of representative speakers, professors and correspondence; by promoting trade and commerce; by sporting contests, and all other devices which will remove misunderstanding and promote unity of national purpose.

—Fred Dick, '75, died recently at his home, 2755 West 32nd Ave., Denver, Col., at the age of 68. Death was due to pneumonia, from which Mr. Dick had suffered for about a week. Mr. Dick was born in East Aurora, N. Y., where he received his early education. Graduating from Hamilton College in 1875, he was married a year later to Miss Florence E. Sprague, and came to Trinidad, Col., as Superintendent of Schools, remaining there for five years. In 1888, he came to Denver as State Superintendent of Schools, holding the position for two years, during which time he was prominent in all educational movements in the city and state. He was a President of the State Teachers' Association, and first President of the Denver Philosophical Society. He was also President of the Unity Men's Club in Unity Church. Surviving him is his widow, who is well known in Colorado educational circles and former President of the Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers' Association. There are also several nephews and nieces residing in the East.

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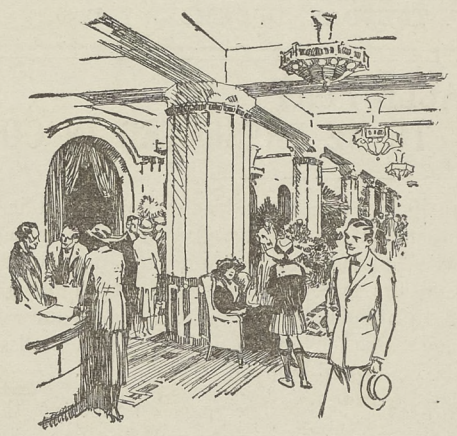

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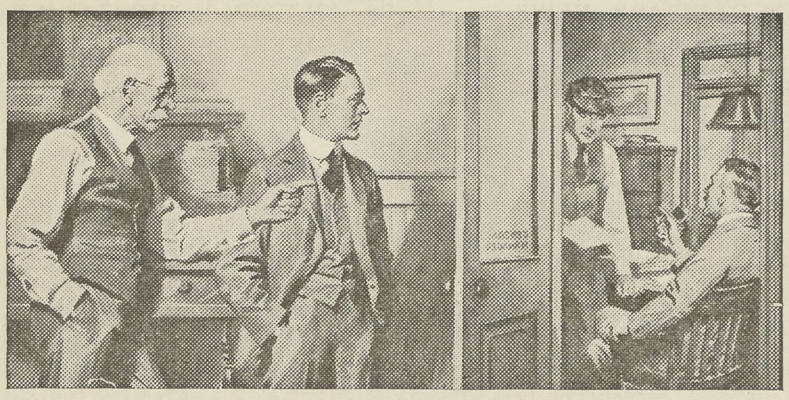

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The Amherst Debate

The Hamilton College debate team will meet Amherst's team in the College Chapel Friday evening of this week. Amherst has a strong team, and the debate will probably be well contested on both sides. Hamilton's team has spent a large amount of time in preparation and intends to put up a strong contest for victory.

Debate work has always formed a considerable part of the curriculum in this College, and the extra-curricular work accomplished in intercollegiate debating by the men of the teams is a direct indication of the enthusiasm and interest that the undergraduates have in this work. Last year's debate team proved its excellence of material and of training by winning all four debates of the season. We hope that this year's team will be able to equal that record.

In order to make the debate a success, it is necessary that the attendance be large. Hamilton men should be as interested in the work of their debate team as in the work of representatives of the undergraduates in any other intercollegiate contests Every man who can do so should come to the Chapel Friday night and attend the Hamilton-Amherst debate.

DOCTOR DURHAM HONORED

Doctor Donald B. Durham of the Latin Department was recently elected President of the Classical Department of the New York Teachers' Association at the annual meeting, held in Rochester.

A COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of **Life**:

The Undergraduate Publication Board of Union University has collected $5.00 from every student of that institution, and placed the total amount to the credit of the Garnet—the Union annual.

There is one thought concerning this action of Union University that should especially interest Hamilton men. This is that Union University has recognized the value of the Union annual. The University collects the Undergraduate Tax. By this act, it assures the students that their money is to be used for a creditable purpose, and that the University approves of the publication.

The administration believes that the annual is representative of the University, and that they should do everything within their power to raise the standard of the publication.

It has been asserted "that the Hamiltonian is nothing more than a memory book." It is thereby implied that the men engaged in publishing the Hamiltonian are wasting their time and do not produce anything of value to Hamilton College. Aside from the fact that this pictorial record affords some enjoyment to the students, the Hamiltonian might just as well be discontinued.

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—At a recent subscription drive, $3500 was received from Yale undergraduates for the Yale-in-China movement. This sum will be used for the building of a faculty cottage on the campus at Chang-sha, which will be named after Dr. Amos P. Wilder in recognition of his service as Secretary.

—New heads of institutions installed this year are: Frederick C. Hicks, University of Cincinnati; William W. Henderson, Brigham Young College; John E. Cousens, Tufts College; H. M. Gage, Coe College; Harry W. Chase, University of North Carolina; and F. W. Hixsen, Allegheny College.

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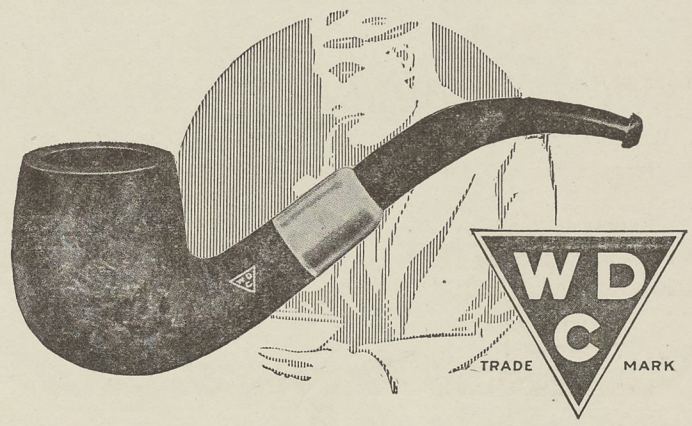

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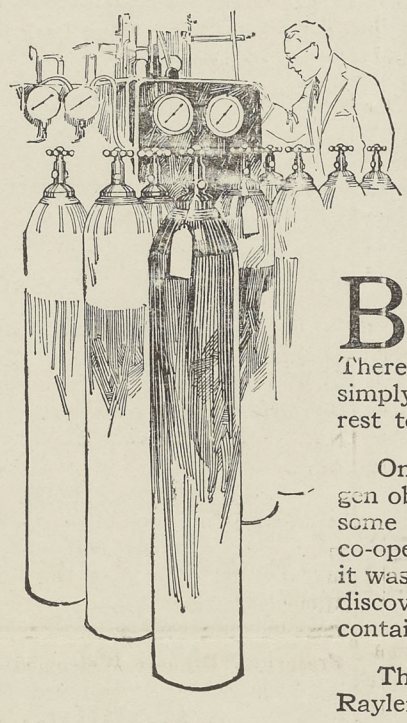

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CLASS OF '24 DINES IN UTICA

Freshmen Hold Banquet at the Commodore Restaurant—Ninety Men Attend.

QUARTET PRESENT

The Freshmen outwitted the Class of '23 and banquetted at the Hotel Commodore in Utica on Tuesday evening, November 30. A reckoning taken at the scene of action showed that all but a few of the Freshmen were "on deck." Of those missing the Sophs were responsible for four. Belated Freshmen kept arriving until, at 11:30, there were fully ninety of them gathered around the festive board. Eighteen upperclassmen, including the quartet, were present as the guests of the Class of '24. These were: "Ted" Paton, "Shimmie" Moffat, "Al" Kaiser, "Grant" Keehn, "Zip" Griffith, "Charlie" Seaver, "Danny" Daniels, "Art" Doyle, "Pirnie" Pritchard, "Jack" Holler, and "Gerry" Hyde, '21; "Charlie" Keane, "Rog" Williams, "Clint" Bennett, "Ralph" Perry, "Monty" White, "Tom" Pope, and "Fran" Burns, '22.

The Freshmen, slipping quietly off the Hill at 10:10 p. m., met twelve taxis a considerable distance up the Deke road and five more at the corner of Elm and College streets. A slight slip-up in the plans put the Sophs "wise" and about thirty of them appropriated the Elm street taxis for their own use in the chase to Utica, arriving there in time to meet the main body of '24 as their cars drove up. However, this inconvenience was brushed aside, and the Class of '24, with light hearts, entered the hotel.

An excellent meal was served, after which "Don" Hamilton took charge and the entertainment began. The Quartet made a great hit with its numerous fine selections. "Al" Kaiser, '21, brought a greeting from the Seniors, while "Charlie" Keane, did the same for the Junior Class. "Zip" Griffith, '21, spoke on Paint Night. "Doc" Maynard, '24, spoke briefly on the topic: "If Mother Could Only See Me Now!" "Jack" Ogilvie, '24, told the company about "There Isn't Any Left!" while "Bill" Grassman, '24, gave vivid details of his trip to the Commodore.

When the party broke up, the Sophs had long since disappeared, and the taxi trip back to the Hill was made without interruption. The success of the banquet may be attributed to the efforts of the Banquet Committee, which consisted of: Ogilvie, chairman, Wood, Marks, Hamilton, Maloche, Dowdell, Tryon, Holmes, and Berkalew.

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Freshmen,	2	7

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REVIEW OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ISSUES OF LIT. BY DR. F. H. RISTINE

When I read an average number of Lit., such as each of the October and November issues seems to be, I sometimes think of Edison's definition of genius as "one-tenth inspiration and nine-tenths perspiration," and wonder if the student literary aspirant does not proceed on a theory which reverses these proportions. In the two numbers before me inspiration is too often handicapped by the besetting sin of undergraduate writing—unwillingness to take time and thought and pains, in short, to "perspire" for nine-tenths of the way.

Exceptions to this general criticism are certainly the successful Clark Prize oration of Mr. Turner and the junior prize essay of Mr. Griffith. Both are ambitious compositions which show real effort. The latter especially possesses very genuine merit both as appreciative criticism of modern Irish drama and as a good example of adapting style to subject; though the author's expedient for creating "atmosphere", while graceful enough at the start, is obtrusive once the reader has become interested in the substance of the essay. There is, of course, something to be said for making Lit. a depository for successful writing of this sort; but some day I hope to see the magazine quite independent of contributions which have done duty elsewhere, either in prize contests or in the classroom. To be self-supporting, literally as well as financially, is after all the test of a magazine's right to live, and with the growth of the College, I think it a goal for future editors to count worth striving toward.

Mr. Mathewson in the October number contributes an essay on Sterne which has all the hall-marks of a hastily written classroom exercise, unrevised for publication. But he redeems himself in the next issue with the best narrative of both numbers, "The Death of Drid." This is the kind of material to be recommended as offering fewest pitfalls to the story-teller. It possesses the veracity of a real frontier tale, though the writer, I think, loses sight of his "point of view," as the textbooks call it, for the story in its latter stages could not be based on evidence taken at the trial of the Indian's slayer. This same fault, aggravated, completely spoils Mr. Hall's "La Danse du **(sic)** Mort", so unskillfully is the story related to its framework. Mr. F. W. Smith, well known to the reviewer as an essayist of no ordinary gifts, retells an old tale, "The Devil and the Sacristan", with only indifferent success, due chiefly to clumsy efforts at archaic style. The writer might profit by eading Tatlock and MacKaye's prose modernization of Chaucer.

Of minor prose, certain passages in Mr. Riggs' "Paragraphs from a Notebook" show as much promise as any writing in the two issues. His feeling for words in recording impressions of European cathedrals is as sure as some other attempts to write "impressions" are trivial. The unconvincing character of the hero and dialog in "Fear" is in a measure offset by fairly adequate handling of stage directions. Mr. Turner will find, however, that modern playwrights who make an art of writing stage directions do not use the technical jargon of the stage manager, "up right," "door," "left," etc.

The reviewer confesses an imperfect sympathy for the prevailing tastes in original verse. Though an undergraduate is expected to be a romanticist rather than a classicist in his poetical leanings, need he cultivate so exclusively the nebulous and the exotic, or that which exceeds his own experience? Is there not something to be said for sturdier stuff than Hindoo chants and tritely moral thoughts and meditations in a cell or on death? Readers might welcome for a change narrative or humorous verse. Successful poets have usually begun by imitation or translation or the cultivation of set verse forms, all of which are good exercises for amateurs. And here let me say that Mr. Walrath succeeds so well in writing a sonnet that I hope he appears again.

In conclusion it is a pleasure to note a relative absence of textual blemishes that have so frequently disfigured this publication. The last stanza of "In a Cell" shows imperfect liaison with the proof-reader, where "means" occurs for what was probably written "moans"; and in Mr. Griffith's essay some one might have taken the liberty of deleting the "Sir" from the name of Thomas Moore, thereby saving the author from the suspicion of confusing the Irish bard with a worthy of older time. But the editor deserves congratulation for the typographical cleanliness of his first two issues, a vast improvement over some of former years.

F. H. RISTINE.

—Hamilton C. Griswold, '13, who continued the study of law in Harvard University, is practicing law in the offices of Havens, Mann, Strang, and Whipple, located in the Insurance Building, Rochester, N. Y.

—Abram J. Faiche, ex-'94, who is now practicing law in New York City, may be addressed at 258 W. 130th St.

—Alfred C. Coxe, '68, formerly a judge in the United States Circuit Court, second judicial district, is now retired and is living at his home, 125 Woodland St., Hartford, Conn.

—The Reverend Doctor Frederick W. Palmer, '81, has resigned from the Central Presbyterian Church of Auburn, where he has been pastor for the last twenty years. Dr. Palmer was born in Victor, N. Y., and was graduated from Hamilton in 1881. He taught for four years and then was ordained a minister in the Reformed Church at Interlaken, N. Y. After serving there for five years he was called to the Central Presbyterian Church in Auburn.

—McNeil V. Seymour, '79, of St. Paul, Minn., was on the Hill recently.

PROF. F. L. PATTON LECTURES IN UTICA

Conducts Course in Political Economy, Which is Attended by 100 Members of American Institute of Banking.

COURSE IS POPULAR

Professor F. L. Patton has been recently conducting a course in political economy in Utica. The men who are studying under him are all employes of the eight Utica banks, and include some of the vice-presidents. The course was instituted by the American Institute of Banking of Utica, a branch of the American Bankers' Association. It is to last for seventeen weeks, and the 100 members are to meet once each week.

This study of political economy is but part of a three year course which the bank officials offer to their employes. The other two years are devoted to banking and finance. At the end there is an examination, and a diploma for those who succeed in mastering the work. Its purpose is to prevent the men from becoming too much "buried in their work." There is perhaps more danger that a bank clerk will become a mere automaton than there is that a man in any other line of human endaveor will do so. It is very likely that the bank employes, if left to themselves, will lose all sight of the bigger significance of banking, and all interest in the affairs of the outside world. This course gives a practical knowledge of world-wide economic conditions and an understanding of the causes and remedies for these conditions.

Professor Patton's latest lecture dealt with the revolution in industry caused by the great wave of invention during the past few years. "Americans alone," he said, "are patenting about 40,000 ideas a year. Invention has secured to the modern laboring man conveniences and luxuries that were unknown to the greatest of the Roman emperors. Without these inventions, and discoveries of ways to speed up production, industry would be far behind the needs of the world."

The lectures in political economy which Professor Patton is giving cover about the same ground that is covered in the Economics Course 1-2 here on the Hill.

1922 JUNIOR PROM

Work on the Junior Prom, under the direction of Chairman Pope, '22, of the Prom Committee, has begun in earnest. One of the biggest elements in the success or failure of Prom is the music, and already the musical success for this year is assured. The contract has been given to Gordon Schwarz, '21, and he has secured "Billy" Pritchett, '21, and eight others for the orchestra. Several of the men will be musicians from New York with whom Schwarz has played, and whose ability he can vouch for.

The contract for decorations has not yet been let, but it probably will be within the week.